## CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2073.3 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission, on January 30, 2004, received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list the California tiger salamander (*Amybstoma californiense*) as an endangered species. The California tiger salamander was historically distributed throughout most of the Central Valley, adjacent foothills, coastal ranges and the Santa Rosa plain in Sonoma County. Habitat types required by this species include vernal pools, grasslands and oak woodlands

Pursuant to Section 2073 of the Fish and Game Code, on February 9, 2004, the Commission transmitted the petition to the Department of Fish and Game for review pursuant to Section 2073.5 of said code. The Department's evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its August 5, 2004, meeting in Bridgeport. Interested parties may contact Sandra Morey, Chief, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch, Department of Fish and Game, at telephone (916) 653-4875 for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

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Fish and Game Commission

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